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Sometime this AM prior to my arrival at the Mine at 8 AM, a couple of small boulders rolled off of the hillside above the Main substation and damaged the chain link fence surrounding the sub. One boulder hit some cooling fins on a transformer located on the east corner of the substation fracturing the fin. About 600 gallons of cooling oil (mineral oil) was lost. Of this, approximately 95%+ of the volume was contained in the sump area located under the substation. The permittees plan was to use floor dry to absorb the oil, then pick up with shovels and dispose of it. This is **not** a PCB spill. Since I was on site, the incident was reported to the Division through me. FYI.

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